Act. If the information falls in any of the exempted categories, the same is not provided to the applicants. The details/reasons for not providing the information are also intimated to the applicants.

(b) and (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Vacant posts in Delhi Doordarshan Kendra

2952. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vacancies in various grades in the Head Office of Director General Akashwani, Doordarshan and also in the Doordarshan Delhi Kendra;

(b) when was the last direct recruitment took place in Grade A.B. C. and D. at the Delhi Doordarshan Kendra; and

(c) the reasons for delay in filling up the vacancies?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Upgradation to HTP in Assam

2953. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to upgrade some LPT to HPT in Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether his Ministry is also planning to include news bulletin and other spoken word programme in Doordarshan in some more languages recognized under the eighth schedule of the Constitution including the Bodo language; and

(d) if so, by when it is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Scheme of upgradation of the existing LPT at Kokrajhar in Assam to an HPT has been recently approved at a cost of Rs. 10.80 crores.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Welfare of Indians returning from foreign countries

2954. SHRI C. PERUMAL : Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to formulate any scheme for the welfare of Indians returning to motherland due to any reason;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI) : (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Employment to Indian nurses

2955. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU : Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian nurses are not allowed into Britain and other European Union countries;

(b) if so, the alternative job facilities in overseas countries for our Indian nurses; and

(c) whether his Ministry is aware of their number and the facilities rendered to them abroad and the employment status of the overseas Indian nurses?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI) : (a) No, Sir. However, on July 3, 2006, Department of Health, UK removed 'general nurses' from the 'Skills Shortage Occupations List' of the UK Home Office. The change in regulation does not affect advanced and senior nurse grades in certain specialities. The change will make no differecne to nurses currently working in the UK

The change in the regulation does not stop UK employers from undertaking international recruitment of nurses. They have to demonstrate that they cannot fill a post with a UK or European Economic Area (EEA) applicant first.